

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for suggesting a pet food for a pet, said method comprising:

obtaining an individual pet profile for the pet, ~~wherein the individual pet profile includes information based on user input and information obtained from a biological sample analysis of the pet;~~

processing the individual pet profile;

suggesting a pre-manufactured kibble that correlates with the processed pet profile;

suggesting a pre-manufactured additive that correlates with the processed pet profile;

obtaining a biological sample analysis from the pet after the pet has eaten a combination of the kibble and the additive;

suggesting a second pre-manufactured kibble and a second pre-manufactured additive that is based on the biological sample analysis and the individual pet profile; and

providing a set of feeding instructions for the pet.

Claim 2 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein providing a set of feeding instructions comprises:

providing information regarding the proper amount of additive to feed the pet; and

providing information regarding the proper amount of kibbles to feed the pet.

Claim 3 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 2 further comprising providing information on whether additional components should be added to the pet food.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method for customizing a pet food for a pet, said method comprising:

obtaining an individual pet profile for the pet, ~~wherein the individual pet profile includes information based on user input and information obtained from a biological sample analysis of the pet;~~

processing the individual pet profile to create a pet food additive formula;

suggesting a pre-manufactured kibble that correlates with the processed pet profile; ~~and~~

preparing a pet food additive derived from the created pet food additive formula;

obtaining a biological sample analysis from the pet after the pet has eaten a combination of the kibble and the additive; and

preparing a second pre-manufactured kibble and a second pet food additive that is based on the biological sample analysis and the individual pet profile.

Claim 5 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 4 further comprising providing a set of feeding instructions for the pet.

Claim 6 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 5 wherein providing a set of feeding instructions comprises:

providing information regarding the proper amount of additive to feed the pet; ~~and~~

providing information regarding the proper amount of kibbles to feed the pet.

Claim 7 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 6 further comprising providing information on whether additional components should be added to the pet food.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Apparatus for customizing a pet food product for a pet, said apparatus comprising:

means for obtaining an individual pet profile for the pet, ~~wherein the individual pet profile includes information based on user input and information obtained from a biological sample analysis of the pet;~~

means for processing the individual pet profile;

means for creating a pet food additive formula in accordance with the processed individual pet profile;

means for suggesting a pet food kibble in accordance with the processed individual pet profile; ~~and~~

means for obtaining a biological sample analysis from the pet after the pet has eaten a combination of the kibble and the additive;

means for suggesting a second pre-manufactured kibble and a second pet food additive formula that is based on the biological sample analysis and the individual pet profile; and

means for producing a second pet food additive in accordance with the second pet food additive formula.

Claim 9 (original): Apparatus in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said means for obtaining an individual pet profile comprises receiving information from a pet profile questionnaire.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Apparatus in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said means for processing the individual pet profile including the information based on user input and the information obtained from the biological sample analysis of the pet comprises a computer configured to process the individual pet profile and combine the processed information with stored nutritional information to suggest a pet food product.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for obtaining a customized pet food product for a pet, said method comprising:

providing information pertaining to an individual pet profile of the pet, ~~wherein the individual pet profile includes information based on user input and information obtained from a biological sample analysis of the pet;~~

obtaining a pre-manufactured kibble that correlates with the provided information; ~~and~~

obtaining a pet food additive derived from a pet food additive formula created utilizing the provided information;

obtaining a biological sample analysis from the pet after the pet has eaten a combination of the kibble and the additive; and

obtaining a second pre-manufactured kibble and a second pet food additive that is based on the biological sample analysis and the individual pet profile.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for creating a customized pet food additive formula for a pet, said method comprising:

receiving, through an electronic interface, a user input comprising an individual pet profile for the pet;

providing a first pet food formula based on the individual pet profile;

receiving an analysis from a biological sample of the pet after the pet has been eating a pet food manufactured according to the first pet food formula;

electronically processing the individual pet profile and the biological sample analysis to create a pet food additive formula utilizing information obtained from the user input individual pet profile and the biological sample analysis; and

electronically processing the individual pet profile and the biological sample analysis to suggest a pre-manufactured kibble utilizing information obtained from the user input individual pet profile and the biological sample analysis.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for supplying a pet food for a pet, said method comprising:

obtaining an individual pet profile for the pet, ~~wherein the individual pet profile includes information based on user input and information obtained from a biological sample analysis of the pet;~~

processing the individual pet profile;

supplying a pre-manufactured kibble based on the processed individual pet profile;

creating a custom pet food additive based on the processed individual pet file; ~~and~~

supplying the custom pet food additive;

obtaining a biological sample analysis from the pet after the pet has eaten a combination of the kibble and the additive;

creating a second pre-manufactured kibble and a second custom additive that is based on the biological sample analysis and the individual pet profile; and

supplying the second pre-manufactured kibble and the second custom additive.

Claim 14 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein obtaining an individual pet profile comprises obtaining at least one of species, activity level, medical history, breed, gender, breeding status, feeding method, age, spayed/neutered status, snack schedule, flavor preference, body condition and weight of the pet.

Claim 15 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein obtaining an individual pet profile comprises obtaining answers to a plurality of questions regarding individual attributes of the pet.

Claim 16 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein obtaining an individual pet profile comprises obtaining answers to a plurality of questions regarding preferences of an owner of the pet.

Claim 17 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive based on the processed individual pet file comprises creating at least one of a gravy, a sauce, a coating, a thickener, a topping and a powder.

Claim 18 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding Psyllium fiber to the additive.

Claim 19 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 18 wherein adding Psyllium fiber comprises adding between 0 and 1.0% Psyllium fiber by weight in the additive.

Claim 20 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 18 wherein adding Psyllium fiber comprises adding a sufficient quantity of Psyllium fiber to bind water and prevent separation of aqueous and fat phases in the sauce.

Claim 21 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a pH lowering agent to bring the pH between about 2.0 and about 3.0.

Claim 22 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a substance to the pet food additive to provide resistance to at least one of bacterial, fungal, and other microbial spoilage.

Claim 23 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a source of omega three fatty acids to the additive.

Claim 24 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding sodium acid pyrophosphate for dental and skeletal health to the additive.

Claim 25 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a palatability agent to the additive.

Claim 26 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a source of fiber to the additive.

Claim 27 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 wherein creating a custom pet food additive comprises adding a source of at least one of vitamins and minerals to the additive.

Claim 28 (original): A method in accordance with Claim 13 comprises supplying the appropriate ratio of kibbles to additive.